



Barry County Community Mental Health Authority

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Linda Maupin, Board Chair
Richard Thiemkey, Executive Director

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Dear Clients, Parents, Guardians, and Home Operators,

We are writing to inform you of changes to the Home and Community Based Services provided by Barry County Community Mental Health Authority (BCCMHA) at the Positive Directions facility. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) includes Community Living Support, Skill Building, and Supported Employment services.

The following changes will be effective October 1, 2019:

- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) will be provided "in the community" and will no longer use Positive Directions as the daily hub for services. These changes are to bring the agency into alignment with the State of Michigan and Federal guidelines for Medicaid/Medicare provisions of HCBS.
- BCCMHA Staff who provide Home and Community Based Services will be moving to the main BCCMHA clinic, located at 500 Barfield Drive, Hastings, Michigan. Staff will be working in the community to serve clients' needs and provide HCBS services compliant with HCBS rules.
- Clients/Guardians, natural support's and/or home operators will be responsible for transporting individuals to the place of service. Transit will still be available as a resource, however, individuals will be financially responsible for use of this service.

These changes may affect current service hours for some BCCMHA clients and these changes will result in new schedules and practices for clients and their caregivers. To help with the transition of these changes, Case Managers and the Community Based Services Manager will be contacting you to schedule a special meeting during the month of August, which will allow us to further discuss these changes on an individual client level.

Thank you for your understanding as we face these changes together. Your patience during this transition is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Jayne Eaton at 269-948-4200.

Sincerely,

Rich Thiemkey
Executive Director

Jayne Eaton
Community Based Services Manager

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